

Some Birds of Tiuman Island.

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Towards the end of a cruise in the Southern China Sea undertaken in 1899 (see journal 41), Dr W. L. Abbott and I spent about a week on the east coast of Tiuman collecting mammals and birds in the vicinity of Joara Bay, and again, a year later, on our return from an expedition to Tringanu, stopped for some days at Tingah Bay on the west side of the Island for the same purposes.

It was my intention to have given some account in the Journal of this little known Island and our experiences; but my notes have been mislaid and all that I have now to hand of the results are lists of the mammals and birds collected, of which I now record the latter here.

A word with regard to Tiuman. It is about 120 miles by sea from Singapore opposite the mouths of the Rumpin and Endau Rivers though the nearest point of the Malay Peninsula is distant about 22 miles S. E. It belongs to Pahang, and is inhabited by a few Malays of that race who collect rattan in its forests. The island is some eleven miles long N. S. and six wide at its broadest part and is very hilly, the highest peak being 3444 ft. while high above the southern shore are two peculiar bare rocky pinnacles known as the Dragons Ears to which reference has already been made in this journal and in the journal of the Indian Archipelago.

Various new species of mammals were obtained, but there were no novelties among the birds which were all collected below 500 feet alt. as during neither visit did we ascend the mountain. A number of species were observed in addition to those preserved but for the reason given above I am unable to include them here.

- 1 *Malacopteryx magnirostre*, Moore.
- 2 *Stachyris davisoni*, Sharpe.
- 3 *Cyanoderma erythropteryx*, Blyth.
- 4 *Aegithina viridissima*, Horsf.

- 5 *Tricholestes criinger*, Hay.
- 6 *Pycnonotus simplex*, Less.
- 7 *Dissemurus platurus*.
- 8 *Orthotomus atrigularis*, Gemm.
- 9 *Acanthopneuste borealis*, Blas.
- 10 *Lanius superciliosus*, Lath.
- 11 *Graucalus sumatrensis*, S. Müll.
- 12 *Eulabes javanensis*, Osbeck.
- 13 *Cittacincla macrura*, Gm.
- 14 *Hirundo gutturalis*, Scop.
- 15 *H. javanica*, Sparmm.
- 16 *Motacilla flava*, Linn. *var. leucostriata*.
- 17 *Limonodromus indicus*, Gm.
- 18 *Anthrothreptes malaccensis*, Scop.
- 19 *Dicaeum cruentatum*, Linn.
- 20 *Alcedo bengalensis*, Linn.
- 21 *Collocalia inexpectata*, Hume?
- 22 *Rhamphococcyx erythrognaethus*, Hartl.
- 23 *Carpophaga ænea*, Linn.
- 24 *Glareola orientalis* Leach.
- 25 *Totanus hypoleucus*, Linn.
- 26 *Ardea sumatrana*, Raffles.
- 27 *Lepterochus sacer*, Gm.

A Johore Python.

In December 1904 I spent a few days on the summit of Gunong Pulai accompanied by Mr. H. N. Ridley. When we reached the *Kangka* at the foot of the mountain one of my collectors, whom I had sent on in advance, informed me that an *ular sawa*, 5 *depas* in length, had been killed by the Chinese there a few days before. The skin was nailed out along several boards but was unfortunately without the head which the Chinese had chopped off in slaughtering the reptile. We measured the portion that remained however and found it to be 29ft. 10 inches in length so I have no doubt that the dimensions given by my collector of the snake in the flesh were correct. This python had entered a pig-sty